

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to overcome the objections thereto.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 1-3, 5, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and the remainder of the claims have been amended.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gardner et al., Patent Application Publication US 2002/0178034, in view of Pugliese, III et al., Patent Application Publication US 2001/0016825, and in further view of Walker et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,327,573.

Gardner et al. presents a rationalization of business in an airline travel distribution enterprise through combining the sales transaction and usage transaction for a centralized transaction; Pugliese III et al. proposes a paperless airline seat reservation system implemented through an electronic business system; and Walker et al. proposes a system to reward frequent customers utilizing a single account card held by a representative holder, but rewards are awarded for all participants joined in the single account card according to each of their corresponding shares.

However, the present application proposes a detailed business treatment system for mileage service between an airline company and an enterprise which desires to obtain credit for the mileage for all airline trips by its employees paid for by the enterprise.

Comparing Gardner et al., Pugliese III et al., and Walker et al., and the present application, the applied references do not describe a strict distinction as claimed herein regarding

to whom air mileage belongs, for instance, to a passenger of an airline company or to an enterprise employing the passenger.

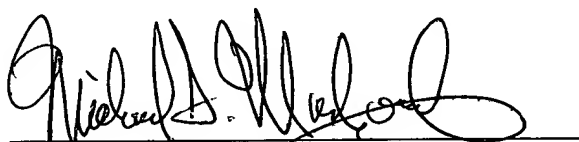
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An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that independent claims 1-2 and 5-8 are in condition for allowance, as well as those claims dependent therefrom. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper, not fully covered by an enclosed check, may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Amended Figs. 3, 5, 6, and 7

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Please find enclosed copies of Figs. 3, 5, 6, and 7, as originally filed, with proposed amendments in red for the approval of the Examiner.